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SUBJECT: GOVERNORS VISIT TO PRC

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1. ON JANUARY 9, JAMES FALK, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL (WHITE HOUSE), AND RICHARD SOLOMON OF THE NSC STAFF, CALLED ON PRCLO (CHI CH'AO-CHU AND HSU HSIN-HSI) TO PRESENT A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNORS DELEGATION AND TO DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF THE VISIT.

2. PRCLO WAS TOLD THAT DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY GOVERNOR EVANS OF WASHINGTON (REP.) WITH GOVERNOR RAMPTON OF UTAH (DEM.) AS DEPUTY LEADER, AND WILL INCLUDE, IN PROTOCOL ORDER, GOVERNOR MOORE OF WEST VIRGINIA (REP.), GOVERNOR RAY OF IOWA (REP.), GOVERNOR MANDEL OF
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MARYLAND (DEM.), AND GOVERNOR FORD OF KENTUCKY (DEM.).

CHARLES BYRLEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE WILL TRAVEL WITH THE GOVERNORS. FIVE OF THE GOVERNORS HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEIR WIVES BE INCLUDED.

3. ACCOMPANYING THE DELEGATION WILL BE SIX OR SEVEN WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, PROBABLY HEADED BY KEN COLE, DIRECTOR OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL AND HIS WIFE. PRCLO WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT WE ASSUMED USLO WOULD WANT TO ASSIGN AN ESCORT TO THE DELEGATION. THE

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND STAFF WOULD THUS COME TO EIGHTEEN OR TWENTY.

4. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNORS WOULD LIKE TO ARRIVE IN CHINA IN MID-MAY FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS BUT THAT DETAILED SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ITINERARY WOULD BE PRESENTED LATER.

5. PRCLO WAS GIVEN A PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE MFA. THE TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS: THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS INVITED A BIPARTISAN DELEGATION OF STATE GOVERNORS TO VISIT CHINA IN THE LATE SPRING OF 1974. CHINESE AUTHORITIES EXTENDED THE INVITATION DURING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PEKING IN NOVEMBER 1973. THE DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY GOVERNOR DANIEL J. EVANS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, WILL INCLUDE GOVERNOR CALVIN RAMPTON OF UTAH, GOVERNOR ARCH A. MOORE, JR., OF WEST VIRGINIA, GOVERNOR ROBERT D. RAY OF IOWA, GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL OF MARYLAND, AND GOVERNOR WENDELL FORD OF KENTUCKY.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE TRIP, INCLUDING ITS EXACT TIMING AND AN ITINERARY, ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN WASHINGTON.

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THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH DELEGATION OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON INITIATED EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE U.S.-PRC RELATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S OWN VISIT IN FEBRUARY 1972 AND DR. KISSINGER'S SIX TRIPS TO PEKING. THE THREE PREVIOUS GROUPS WERE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS LED BY SENATORS MANSFIELD AND SCOTT IN APRIL 1972, CONGRESSMEN BOGGS AND FORD IN JUNE OF THAT SAME YEAR, AND A GROUP LED BY SENATOR WARREN E.

MAGNUSON AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS E. MORGAN IN
JULY 1973.
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